

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 579

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those community-based organizations and associations that have as their aim the preservation of local historical heritage; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County, a nonprofit organization established in 2014 to discover, preserve, teach, and share the heritage and history of African Americans in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County fulfills its mission by expanding the knowledge base and raising awareness of the historical and cultural heritage of African Americans in Rutherford County; organizing and sponsoring seminars, forums, workshops, exhibits, programs, and distribution of publications; and identifying, acquiring, and supporting the maintenance of those places of historical significance, such as cemeteries, churches, schools, organizations, and family genealogy; and

WHEREAS, the officers and directors of the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County include Mary Watkins, president; George Smith, M.D., treasurer; LaTrenda Watkins, secretary; Mildred Woodson, board of directors representative; and Shannon Blackman, vice president; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this General Assembly commend the members of the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County for their abiding commitment to history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the African American Heritage Society of Rutherford County for preserving the history of their community, commend its members for their tireless dedication to promoting greater awareness of the contributions of African Americans to Rutherford County's rich history, and extend to them our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.